

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH POLICY**

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

10:30 a.m.

Room 352 Capitol Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Gaffney, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.

Members absent/excused: Reps. Newell, Ward.

Representative Hune moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2006 meeting.

Representative Adamini supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The committee met jointly with the House Agriculture Committee.

Doug O'Brien of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services testified on federal government pandemic influenza prevention in Michigan. Mr. O'Brien also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Janet Olszewski of the Michigan Department of Community Health, Rebecca Humphries of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and Mitch Irwin of the Michigan Department of Agriculture testified on the outbreak, transmission, and prevention of Avian influenza. Ms. Olszewski, Ms. Humphries, and Mr. Irwin also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Representative Neal Nitz, Chair of the House Agriculture Committee, submitted written testimony.

Mark Hansen of MSU Extension and Richard Fulton of the MSU Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health submitted written testimony, but did not wish to testify.

Karlene Belyea of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association submitted written testimony, but did not wish to testify.

Representative Robertson moved to excuse the absence of Representatives Newell and Ward. Representative Adamini supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

Representative Edward Gaffney, Chair_____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk
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